ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Water Commissioners, Prudential Committee
Fire Engineers and Treasurer

OF THE

North Easton

Village District

FOR THE

Year ending April 1st, 1905.

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Officers of

North Easton Village District

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1905.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

CYRUS LOTHROP, Term expires 1907.
OLIVER AMES, Term expires 1905.
WILLIAM H. AMES, Term expires 1906.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

DAVID J. O'CONNELL, JOHN J. McCARTHY,
GEORGE G. HAYES.

TREASURER.

EDWARD M. CARR.

CLERK.

JAMES A. BURNS.

AUDITORS.

FREDERICK HANLON, LORENZO B. CROCKETT.

WATER COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

To the Citizens of the North Easton Village District:

In presenting the eighteenth annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners, we feel it a pleasant duty to review briefly the financial condition of the water district for some years past, especially as we can justly share with you a feeling of much gratification at the satisfactory character of this report.

We invite your attention at the outset to the detailed statement hereto appended.

Our Water Works, at the present time, are on a paying basis and have been for some years past. Not only that, but the favorable financial showing of the district, in comparison with such districts throughout the State, must be gratifying to every citizen of our village.

It is pertinent to direct your attention to certain interesting features of this financial statement.

The total cost of the water system, including original plant, reservoir and extensions to date is $101,988.39. The original bond issue was $75,000, (1887).

On November 17, 1890, the balance in the treasury of the Water Works was $31.38. The district was indebted to the amount of $12,661.17, including a deficit in the operating expenses of the plant, aggregating from the beginning $980.58. A second bond issue of $15,000 was made in 1891. $12,000 of this amount was used in paying the indebtedness already noted, and the remaining $3,000 was used with $2,000 raised by the district in 1892 to meet the first instalment of bonds, $5,000.

From this time onward, however, the district has not carried any standing indebtedness; current expenses have been paid from receipts of the district, and conditions generally have been gratifying. Gradually the district has been getting into the position which permits it to pay from its revenue operating

expenses and repairs, and to accumulate such a surplus as to meet payment of the bonds when they come due, without special appropriations for this purpose. Not only has the receipts of the district been sufficient for the past few years to provide for these charges, but in addition since June, 1902, the district has paid out of its receipts, for extensions, the sum of $1,870.35, and has, cash on hand April 1st, 1905, $4,046.92.

In this connection, however, we wish to impress upon the citizens the likelihood of an expense to the district in the near future, in the replacing of the old pipes connecting at the property line, the mains on the street with the pipes from the houses. Many of these pipes have been replaced, and we feel the time is soon coming when this will have to be done very generally.

Of the $15,000 in bonds already paid, $7,000 of this was appropriated out of the surplus earnings of the Water Works. Of the remaining $8,000, $3,000 was taken from bond issue of $15,000, as already noted, and $5,000 was raised by appropriations, $2,000 in 1892, and $3,000 in 1897.

On December 31st, 1891, there were three hundred and twenty-four consumers of water, and of this number there were only eighteen who were provided with meters. On the 13th day of February, 1905, there were five hundred and twenty-six consumers of water, and of this number, two hundred and five had meters. The gratifying financial showing which we have noted is due in a great measure to this largely increased number of the consumers of water who pay according to meter rates. We believe on the whole, that the meter system is the fairer one for all concerned, and is the more profitable one to the district.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS LOTHROP,
WM. H. AMES,
OLIVER AMES,
Water Commissioners.

STATEMENT.

Cash on hand April 1st, 1904	$2,115 42	
Received for faucet service	3,037 51	
Received for over-due faucet service, 1902 and 1903	96 00	
Received for meter service	4,526 85	
Received for meter service over-due 1902 and 1903	610 31	
Received for meters and merchandise	467 41	
		$10,853 50
Paid Operating Expenses	$1,874 81	
" Interest on Bonds	3,000 00	
" Repairs	221 44	
" Merchandise and Meters	738 30	
" Artesian Well & Supply Co	330 00	
Extension Goward street	238 08	
Extension off Columbus Avenue	403 95	
Cash on hand April 1st, 1905	4,046 92	
		$10,853 50

OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Received for faucet service	$3,037 51	
Received for meter service	4,526 85	
		$7,564 36
Paid Operating Expenses	$1,874 81	
" Interest on Bonds	3,000 00	
" Repairs	221 44	
		$5,096 25
Excess of receipts over expenditures		$2,468 11

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Original Plant	$75,352 57	
Extensions	16,147 42	
Reservoir	10,488 40	
Merchandise	1,181 45	
Cash	4,046 92	
		$107,216 76

BOND ACCOUNT.

Due August 1st, 1907	$5,000 00	
Due August 1st, 1912	5,000 00	
Due August 1st, 1917	65,000 00	
		$75,000 00

BOND-HOLDERS.

Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	$40,000 00	
North Easton Savings Bank	30,000 00	
Parties unknown	5,000 00	
		$75,000 00

REPORT OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation		$3,800 00
Paid Welsbach Street Lighting Co.		3,785 28
Unexpended		$14 72

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Appropriation		$400 00
Paid for shoveling snow, etc.		394 40
Unexpended		$5 60

POLICE AND WATCHMEN.

Appropriation		$1,200 00
Paid James O'Neil	$600 00	
" Patrick Costello	546 33	
" Edward J. Healy	53 67	
		$1,200 00

SIDEWALKS AND STONE CURBING.

Appropriation	$2,000 00
Expended	1,994 99
Unexpended	$5 01

SIDEWALKS AND STONE CURBING.

Paid Cornelius Daily:

For building wall, Canton street	$25 78
For setting curbing, Elm street	5 33
For labor on bridge, Mechanic street	10 55
For cutting out driveway and setting curbing,	20 44
For repairing at R. R. crossing, Elm street	1 94
For repairing Main street opposite Unitarian Church	1 39
For repairing Elm street opposite E W. Gilmore's	6 66
For repairing on Depot street	77
For repairing Main street near O. Ames' driveway	2 56
For repairing Canton street	13 72
For removing curbing, New street	6 71
For repairing Main street opposite Ames' barn,	5 50
For repairing Oliver street	6 08
For crossing at Mullen's lane	4 77
For curbing Main street in front of Bank building	32 24

For setting curbing, Main street	$146 98
For labor pointing for driveways	10 77
For labor on ledge between L. H. Smith's and Fire Station, New street	7 00
For setting curbing near James Ready's	2 88
Paid Cornelius Daily for concreting:	
18⅓ sq. yds. on Mechanic street	11 00
204⅔ sq. yds. on Main street	122 80
419 sq. yds. skim coating on Main street	146 65
234 sq. yds. on Seaver street	140 40
127 sq. yds. on Reynolds street	76 20
326⅓ sq. yds. on Williams street	195 80
450⅓ sq. yds. on Canton street	270 20
178⅓ sq. yds. on Elm street	107 00
133⅓ sq. yds. of skim coating, Elm street	46 73
22⅓ sq. yds. at Elm street and Mullen lane crossing	16 75
7⅓ sq. yds. on Oliver street	4 40
16⅔ sq. yds. at Oliver street and W. H. Ames' crossing	12 50
Paid R. H. Curry for curbing	500 00
Paid A. B. Anderson for building wall at John M. Williams'	32 49
	$1,994 99

DISTRICT OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Edward M. Carr, Treasurer	$50 00
James A. Burns, Clerk	10 00
David J. O'Connell, Prudential Committee	25 00
George G. Hayes, Prudential Committee	25 00
John J. McCarthy, Prudential Committee	25 00
	$135 00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.

Printing reports	$15 00
Warrants and posting	2 00
Distributing reports	4 00
Printing	5 00
Record book	1 90
	$27 90

RECAPITULATION.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Street Lighting	$3,800 00	
Snow Account	400 00	
Police Service	1,200 00	
Sidewalks	2,000 00	
Miscellaneous Accounts	200 00	
		$7,600 00

EXPENDED.

Street Lighting	$3,785 28	
Snow Account	394 40	
Police Service	1,200 00	
Sidewlaks	1,994 99	
Miscellaneous Accounts	27 90	
District Officers' Salaries	135 00	
		$7,537 57
Unexpended		$62 43

The District Meeting will be held Thursday evening, April 27, 1905, at 7.30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,
JOHN J. McCARTHY,
GEORGE G. HAYES,
Prudential Committee.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

North Easton, April 15th, 1905.

In presenting our fifth annual report, would say we have had thirteen fires and the total loss was less than three hundred dollars. The alarms were from the following boxes:

April 4th, 1904, Box 27, brush fire near Dennis Couglin's.
April 24th, 1904, Box 53, brush fire near John Malloy's.
April 26th, 1904, Box 23, brush fire near Town Barn.
July 4th, 1904, Box 42, water-closet, Leavitt's shop.
July 4th, 1904, Box 36, roof Dr. F. E. Tilden's.
Aug. 16th, 1904, Box 36, chimney, J. F. Callahan's.
Dec. 29th, 1904, Box 23, chimney, Thos. Perry's.
March 23d, 1905, Box 23, chimney, David Eddy's.
March 16th, 1905, Box 26, bedding, McCarty's stable.
March 31st, 1905, Box 31, brush, Winthrop Ames'.
March 31st, 1905, Box 46, brush, Wm. H. Ames'.
April 3d, 1905, Box 46, brush, Wm. H. Ames'.
April 8th, 1905, Box 28, brush, Jas. Cahill's.

Our apparatus is in good condition and we have added four hundred ft. of new hose and had all of the damaged hose repaired.

The most important matter that we have to bring before you at this time is our need of hanging harnesses at the Fire Station. We need a single harness for the hose wagon and a double harness for the H. & L. Truck. You are well aware that this will save us several minutes in time, when every minute is of great value. While it is an easy matter to get horses it is not so easy to find harnesses and at nearly every alarm much valuable time is lost in looking up and adjusting and changing parts of harnesses.

Nearly every Fire Station in this section is supplied with hanging harnesses and we think it is very important that we should have them.

Last year you appropriated $1200 for the Fire Department. We recommend that you appropriate $1000 this year. This will enable us to purchase the hanging harnesses.

GEO. H. DeWITT,
JOHN F. CALLAHAN,
A. J. LEAVITT,
Board of Fire Engineers.
By A. J. LEAVITT, *Clerk.*

PROPERTY OF HOSE CO. NO. 1, 1905.

1 hose wagon; 1 hose reel; 400 ft. new hose; 900 ft. fair hose; 500 ft. fair hose; 100 ft. garden hose; 2 extinguishers; 4 Callahan nozzles; 2 plain nozzles; 1 Siamese gate; 1 common gate; 6 extinguisher charges; 10 rubber coats; 10 rubber belts; 12 prs. overalls; wagon jack; monkey wrench; 1 dozen spanners; 6 hydrant wrenches; 5 hose straps; 3 hydrant washers; 2 axes; 2 lanterns.

H. F. THAYER, *Foreman.*

PROPERTY OF H. AND L. CO. NO. 2, 1905.

1 ladder truck; 1 two-horse pole; 1 1-horse shafts; 1 hand pole and rope; 1 45 ft. extension ladder; 1 20 ft. extension ladder; 1 28 ft., 1 24 ft., 1 20 ft. ladders; 1 22 and 1 20 ft. roof ladder; 2 extinguishers with 6 charges; 4 lanterns; 4 axes; 2 crow-bars; 2 hay forks; 2 ladder hooks; 2 pole hooks; 3 steel wrenches; 75 ft. ½ in. rope; 57 ft. 1 in. rope; 90 ft. rope, chain and hook; 1 pole for chain; 10 rubber coats; 12 pairs overalls; 100 ft. garden hose; 6 leather pails; 4 ladder straps; 1 monkey wrench; vitriol; zincs, etc.

FRED HANLON, *Foreman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount on hand April 1st, 1904		$1,093 83
Loan		2,000 00
Town Treasurer, acct. of taxes, 1903	109 27	
Town Treasurer, acct. of taxes, 1904	13,598 18	
		13,707 45
Received of Fred Hanlon from sale of old zincs,		5 00
Interest allowed on bank balance		57 07
		$16,863 35

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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By Police		$1,200 00
Street Lights		3,785 28
Sidewalks		1,994 99
Clearing snow from sidewalks		394 40
Loan	2,000 00	
Interest on loan	20 33	
		2,020 33
Posting warrants		2 00
Printing reports, etc		20 00
Distributing reports		4 00
Record book		1 90
New Fire Engine House		2,748 51
Fire Department, viz.:		
Rent	$200 00	
Repairs, etc	499 22	
Horse hire, 1903-04-05	39 00	
Salaries	465 00	
		1,203 22
District Officers' salaries		135 00
Balance on hand April 1st, 1905		3,353 72
		$16,863 35

EDWARD M. CARR, *Treasurer.*

We have audited the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

FRED'K HANLON,
L. B. CROCKETT,
Auditors.